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TAGS: CASC, CPAS, SHUM, UR, US (PUKA, CHARLES)

SUBJECT: PUKA CASE

REF: STATE 93565

1. PUKA CASE HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS AND RADIO  
COVERAGE IN US, AND THE TWO PENNSYLVANIA SENATORS ARE  
WRITING TO SECRETARY ASKING HIM TO RAISE PUKA CASE WHILE  
IN MOSCOW. PLEASE QUERY MFA ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF  
PUKA'S EXIT VISA CASE.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CASE WITH SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR  
OFFICERS AT LENGTH. THEY DENY THERE COULD HAVE BEEN ANY  
MISUNDERSTANDING OVER HIS APPLICATION FOR DOCUMENTATION TO  
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TRAVEL TO USSR AS SOVIET CITIZEN IN 1977. THEY NOTE THAT  
HE HAD VISITED USSR AS US-CITIZEN PRIVATE VISITOR IN 1972  
AND 1974, AND LENGTHY PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR SOVIET  
CITIZENSHIP CANNOT BE COMPLETED WITHOUT APPLICANT KNOWING  
WHAT HE IS DOING. WE HAVE RESPONDED THAT HE MAY NOT HAVE  
APPRECIATED FULL IMPLICATIONS OF OBTAINING DOCUMENTATION  
AS SOVIET CITIZEN, AND HE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO US

IN ANY EVENT.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF CONSULAR TRAVEL REFUSAL

MENTIONED PARA 16 REFTEL.

4. IF PUKA RECEIVES EXIT PERMISSION AND VISITS EMBASSY,  
SUGGEST YOU ASK HIM WHETHER HE TOOK ANY FUNDS TO USSR AND  
TRANSFERRED THEM INTO RUBLE ACCOUNT. POINT OUT TO HIM  
THAT IF HE DID, THE SOVIET CURRENCY CONTROL REGULATIONS  
WOULD PRECLUDE HIS TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS BACK TO US. CHRISTOPHER

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